

**TOWN CHARTER FORBIDS
WOMAN BEING MAYOR**

FROSTBURG, Md., March 10.—Attorney General Alexander Armstrong has submitted an opinion in effect that a woman is not eligible for the office of mayor of Frostburg, but is for councilman. According to the charter, the mayor must not only be a qualified voter but a "male" citizen. He says: "The masculine pronoun 'his' in prescribing the qualifications of mayor indicates an intention that the office should be filled only by a man."

The word "male" is not used in connection with the office of councilman in prescribing qualifications, nor is the masculine pronoun used, hence Mr. Armstrong thinks a woman could be legally a councilman candidate.

Builders to Cut Wages.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 10.—A reduction of 20 per cent in the wages of all building trades employees was endorsed here following a meeting of the Memphis Builders' Exchange.

**WIFE SMOKES, CHEWS,
YET WANTS ALIMONY**

NEW YORK, March 10.—Mrs. Lucy B. Eckstein applied to Supreme Court Justice Van Sice in Brooklyn yesterday for alimony and counsel fees pending trial of her action for separation from her husband, Bernard Eckstein, of Jersey City.

Eckstein stated in his affidavit that his wife smoked cigars and chewed tobacco.

"When I told her to stop," he swore, "she said to me: 'You smoke cigarettes, don't you? Well, when you stop smoking cigarettes I will stop smoking cigars and chewing tobacco.'"

Decision was reserved.

C. C. Stotesbury Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—Charles C. Stotesbury, seventy-eight, oldest brother of E. T. Stotesbury, the financier, died here yesterday in his apartment at the Gladstone. He had been ill two weeks with heart disease.

**SENATE PLANS
TREATY DELAY**

Colombia Pact, Certain to Face Opposition, Will Come Up Next Session.

By J. BART CAMPBELL,
International News Service.

Little expectation is entertained by Republican leaders of the Senate today that President Harding's written request for the ratification of the disputed Colombian treaty will be complied with at the present special session of the upper chamber of Congress.

TO ADJOURN SATURDAY.

It is generally believed the Senate will adjourn Saturday until the extraordinary session of Congress next month without acting finally on the treaty, to which twenty-one Republican Senators are reported to be opposed.

Senators understand powerful pressure is being exerted by certain large American oil interests holding concessions in Colombia to secure ratification in fulfillment of assurances offered by them to the Foreign Relations Committee would be carried out.

On the other hand, Senators supporting the treaty, which would give Colombia \$25,000,000 in five annual installments from the United States Treasury, declare ratification is essential to the proper protection of American interests in Colombia, and to prevent British interests from monopolizing the Colombian oil fields, which, it is said, they are seeking to do.

WILL OPPOSE TREATY.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will probably make an effort today to secure a unanimous consent agreement on a date for a final vote on ratification at the outset of the extraordinary session.

To secure this agreement, Senator Lodge may have to yield to the insistence of Senators Johnson (California), Borah of Idaho, and others of the treaty's opponents that when the treaty is taken up finally it will be considered in open session.

A desire by Lodge and other administration leaders in the Senate to prevent an open break in its Republican ranks at the outset of President Harding's term is said to be one reason for their willingness to defer final action on the treaty.

Johnson and Borah are known to be preparing for a tempestuous debate on the treaty, ratification of which, even at the extraordinary session, they intend to fight to a finish, they state.

It is pointed out by them that a report on the treaty made by a subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee on March 14, 1917, and signed by Senators Lodge, Borah, McCumber of North Dakota, and Brandegee of Connecticut, opposed the payment of any money to Colombia for territory used in the creation of the Panama Canal Zone.

Lecture for Missourians.

C. P. Blanchard, expert statistician for the Reclamation Service, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Romance of the Southwest" at a meeting of the Missouri State Society at 8 o'clock Saturday night in the Playhouse, 1814 N street northwest.

Mr. Blanchard will show a large number of slides and several motion picture films prepared by the service.

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MRS. CLAUDIA W. TARTOUE and her artist-husband, Pierre Tartoue, whom she is suing for divorce, alleging cruelty and misconduct. Yesterday Tartoue filed counter charges, alleging that the beautiful model had two husbands when she married him.

**LEEDS MAY RISK
LIFE FOR MOTHER**

Young Millionaire in U. S. for Operation Worried Over Princess' Illness.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Whether he should go abroad to see his mother or remain here for an operation that may be necessary to save his own life is the situation that confronts William H. Leeds, Jr., the seventeen-year-old son of Princess Anastasia of Greece.

Young Leeds arrived in New York yesterday to await word from his mother, who has been seriously ill, and at the same time to consult physicians regarding an operation on his arm, which became seriously infected from the bite of a poisonous insect while hunting in Sumatra. Few have faced a more trying situation.

Accompanied by a Chinese valet, who was with him in the jungles, and his only companion, he reached New York from Chicago.

WORRIED ABOUT MOTHER.

Shortly after his arrival at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, he received a reporter and explained in detail the unfortunate accident that cut short his first real hunting trip.

He spoke feelingly of his mother, and said that he was extremely worried by the many reports he had received of her condition through the newspapers. He has not had any direct word since her illness. He said: "The first news I received of mother's illness was from a newspaper shortly after I left Los Angeles. I have been cabling ever since, but have received no definite word regarding her actual condition. This is probably due to the fact that I have been traveling all of the time."

"Now that I am located in New York, I hope to get some communication that will give me the exact facts. I know that mother is worrying about me because in my travels she has no doubt found it difficult to reach me."

TO CONSULT PHYSICIANS.

In the meantime the boy millionaire will seek the advice of the most noted physicians as to what to do regarding his infected arm. Before leaving the Orient for home, Leeds admitted yesterday that the physicians held out little hope that he would survive. He was told that unless he had his arm amputated it might cost him his life. He added:

"I did not agree with the doctors in their conclusion, but I did submit to an operation by an English surgeon. It was not very successful. The arm was slit open to relieve it, pus and the bone scraped. Since starting Egypt I feel considerably better."

"My arm—the right one—still has a kink in it. That is due to infection of the bone. Whether I will have to go under another operation will depend upon the decision of the physicians in New York."

Princess Out of Danger.

ATHENS, March 10.—Princess Anastasia (formerly Mrs. William B. Leeds), who recently underwent an operation, continues to show improvement. The attending physicians stated today that they now have no doubt she is out of danger.

**RAILROAD CAFES GOUGE
PUBLIC, SURVEY SHOWS**

CHICAGO, March 10.—Railroad station restaurants in Chicago are the "biggest profiteers in existence" and their gross profits range from 80 to 800 per cent, Russell J. Poole, chairman of the city council cost of living committee, said in a report covering a recent survey. The lowest net profit made by some of the restaurants was 50 per cent, he said. Gross profit on various items was listed by Mr. Poole as follows: Steak, 168 to 203 per cent; pie, 130 per cent; pork tenderloin, 500 per cent; pork chops, 441 per cent; coffee, 809 per cent; cereals, average of 275 per cent.

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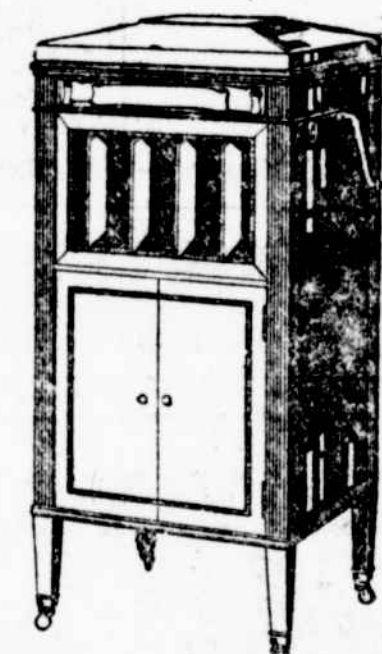
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